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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Joseph R. Szarka, et al.)	Confirmation No.	9788
For:	Equipment Lockout System )	Art Unit:	2645
Serial No.:	09/942,800 )	Examiner:	Ming Chow
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

March 16, 2005

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2004. Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1-4, 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-4, 5 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,285,860 of Szarka et al.

Claims 5 and 8 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,285,860 of Szarka et al in view of U.K. Patent Application No. 2115151. Claims 1-8 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Finally, objection has been raised to the drawings.

Applicants enclose with this Amendment/Response a Revocation of Power of Attorney With New Power of Attorney And Change of Correspondence Address.

Applicants also enclose a set of replacement drawings for the drawings originally filed with this application. Applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6 and 7 to obviate the "same invention" rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §101. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claims 1-8 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which they regard as their invention. Finally, Applicants enclose a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting rejections of claims 5 and 8. Applicants offer the following remarks to address the rejections of their claims and respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of such amendment and remarks. Since Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer in connection with this application, a check for \$130 is also enclosed.